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1. [REDACTED] Met with Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and reviewed with him the letter from Senators Frank Church (D., Idaho) and John G. Tower (R., Texas) concerning the Senate Select Committee's interest in the Agency budgetary procedures, including the congressional role therein; and certain other correspondence with the Congress raising jurisdictional issues.

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2. [REDACTED] Met with Chairman Lucien N. Nedzi (D., Mich.), House Armed Services Committee, Special Subcommittee on Intelligence, to review certain matters concerning Committee jurisdiction.

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3. [REDACTED] Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and he then in turn with Chairman George H. Mahon (D., Texas), who was in Committee, concerning certain Committee jurisdictional issues. I also left with Preston the letter from Senators Frank Church (D., Idaho) and John G. Tower (R., Texas) concerning the Senate Select Committee's interest in the Agency budgetary procedures.

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4. [REDACTED] Met with Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, to discuss the letter from Senators Frank Church (D., Idaho) and John G. Tower (R., Texas) concerning the Senate Select Committee's interest in the Agency budgetary procedures, including the congressional role therein; and certain Committee jurisdictional issues.

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5. [REDACTED] Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, and reviewed with him certain Committee jurisdictional issues. I also reviewed with him the letter from Senators Frank Church (D., Idaho) and John G. Tower (R., Texas) concerning the Senate Select Committee's interest in the Agency budgetary procedures.

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6. [REDACTED] Received a call from Brook Breckinridge, on the staff of Senator Abraham Ribicoff (D., Conn.), requesting a copy of the so-called [REDACTED] A copy will be sent tomorrow morning.

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25X1 16. [] Met with Carol Weeks, on the staff of
25X1 the Senate Select Committee To Study Governmental Operations With Respect
to Intelligence Activities, and received from her copies of the Director's
testimony of 15 and 16 July 1975.

25X1 17. [] Returned the retyped transcript and the
25X1A original transcript to Michael Cavanagh, staff of the House Post Office
and Civil Service Subcommittee on Postal Facilities, Mail and Labor
Management. This was done by [] I also called Mr. Cavanagh
and told him that Mr. George Gould's, also of the Subcommittee staff,
request for a follow-up of information on mail insertions will follow as
soon as I get all the facts. I explained that most of the information has
been retained and in at least one instance we cannot find any additional
information.

25X1 18. [] Jeremy Frey, House Science and Technology
Committee staff, called. Explaining that the Committee staff was drafting
legislation, he asked what statutory authority placed the Agency in the
Executive Office of the President. I explained that the Agency was created
"under" the National Security Council by Section 102 of the National Security
Act of 1947, and that the National Security Council, in turn, is in the
Executive Office of the President. I left open the question whether we are,
in fact, part of the Executive Office of the President.

25X1 19. [] Called Hilda Schreiber, Office of
Management and Budget, to discuss the background of H. R. 3650, a bill
on rehiring of Federal annuitants which had passed the House and was sent
to the Senate the previous day.

25X1 20. [] Called Charles Snodgrass, House
Appropriations Committee staff, and confirmed with him that he is still
in need of two safes which we will provide. Snodgrass said due to pressing
business his move to the Rayburn building has been delayed and as a result
they will not need the safes until after 1 August. He will call us when they
are ready. Mike Malanick, D/OL, was advised.

25X1 21. [] Received a call from Susan Laird, in
the office of Representative James J. Blanchard (D., Mich.), who requested
a copy of "Potential Implications of Trends in World Population, Food
Production, and Climate" for the Congressman. A copy was sent to her
attention today.

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15. [] Received a call from Ethan Stone, in the office of Representative Michael Harrington (D., Mass.). Stone said the office had an inquiry from a constituent regarding the organizational structure of the Agency and Stone wanted whatever information we could provide on the subject. I told him that the information was classified except for the very top levels of the Agency, which I explained to him.

16. [] Called Sally Shelton, on the staff of Senator Lloyd Bentsen (D., Tex.), who asked about a wire service item which indicated that the Senator had stated that the Agency provided him with information concerning Soviet financial assistance to the Communist Party of Portugal. I told her that it had been clear from our earlier conversation that the Agency had only press reports relating to this information. She acknowledged that this was our understanding and said that State had told her the same thing. Senator Bentsen, in his statement, had apparently referred to press reports and allegations but the news reports did not report his statements accurately. In conclusion, I pointed out to her the difficulty that these kinds of inaccuracies impose upon the Agency.

17. [] Picked up from Michael Cavanagh, staff of the House Post Office and Civil Service Subcommittee on Postal Facilities, Mail and Labor Management, the testimony before his Committee for retyping of the transcript.

18. [] Delivered a letter to Senator Frank Church's (D., Idaho) office at the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Operations.

19. [] Received a call from Page Penutson, in the office of Senator Warren G. Magnuson (D., Wash.), who inquired as to the procedures one would follow in submitting a request to the Agency under the Freedom of Information Act. I gave her the name and address of the Agency's FOI Coordinator.

20. [] Al Tarabochia, Chief Investigator, Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Internal Security, called and inquired as to the status of his request for any Agency information concerning []. I told him that certain additional information was being compiled and he should be receiving it shortly. [] EA Division, was advised.

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21. [redacted] Elly Vogtmann, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, called and said the ~~Senate Select Committee~~ has asked the Foreign Relations Committee for the following CIA transcripts: 12 March 1974 and 26 November 1973 of Mr. Colby's testimony, and 26 February 1969, 23 April 1969 and 23 June 1969 of Mr. Helms' testimony. She asked if we would prefer to send these directly to the Select Committee or to her for transmittal. I told her we would send them to her tomorrow.

22. [redacted] Accompanied [redacted] [redacted] OCI, to an informal briefing of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Subcommittee on Panama in the office of Chairman Ralph H. Metcalfe (D., Ill.). The briefing went well despite the fact that most of the members of the Subcommittee were very irritated with the Administration's position on the Panama Canal treaty issue. (See Memo for the Record).

23. [redacted] Jim Smith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called and asked if they could have a sanitized version of the letter sent to the Chairman on the subject of [redacted] I told him we would have it up to him later today (and it was sent).

24. [redacted] NIO/SEA, called to alert me to a call he had received from Mr. Michael Oppenheimer, GAO, regarding an inquiry GAO is making at the request of the House International Relations Subcommittee on the International Political and Military Affairs on the Mayaguez incident. (See [redacted] Memo for the Record). I told [redacted] that I would take over the action on this item and I subsequently called Les Janka, on the NSC staff, who confirmed the statement made by Oppenheimer to [redacted] that GAO has sent a letter to the NSC on this subject. He also mentioned that contacts have been made with DOD and State Department. He said they are trying to sort this one out and would appreciate it if we could hold up on any substantive response to GAO until he (Janka) can get back in touch with us.

25. [redacted] Accompanied the Director to a meeting of the "Inner Circle" group of Administrative Assistants on Capitol Hill. Some 17 or 18 members of the group were present and the Director engaged in an informal discussion with them for about two hours. The group seemed genuinely appreciative of both the Director's time and forthrightness and commented numerous times on his obvious integrity and determination under the most adverse circumstances.

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25X1 26. [REDACTED] Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations
25X1 Committee staff, called and asked if the Director would be able to provide
a world wrap-up session for the Subcommittee on Intelligence Operations
next Wednesday, 30 July, at 10:00 in Room 1223 Dirksen. After checking
with the Director's office the time and date were confirmed.

25X1 27. [REDACTED] Received a call from Jack Boos, House
Select Committee staff, and we discussed the reconstituted Select
Committee. Boos said they want to get going quickly and avoid areas
which the ~~Church Select Committee~~ has gone into. He said Chairman
Otis G. Pike (D., N.Y.) is known to have a strong interest in budgets
and internal working procedures. I told Boos that the Director had
called Pike and offered his cooperation. Boos restated Pike's remarks
to the Director that he would like to be briefed on the budget and the
Director's willingness to oblige once security procedures are established.
Boos asked if I thought a Committee staff could be provided with briefings
on the Agency budget prior to the Director's formal presentation. I told
him that I thought not, that I would recommend against it. I added that I
thought the most logical first step was to give the Committee an initial
exposure briefing on the budget which could then be followed up by staff
25X1A meetings. I added, however, that these were matters that really should
be taken up with the Review Staff and I gave him [REDACTED] name as
the anticipated point of contact there. In response to my question, Boos
said that all former members of the Select Committee staff were being
25X1A retained by the reconstituted Committee. Boos asked for a copy of the
"Guide to CIA Statutes and Law" and arrangements have been made for
[REDACTED] to take a copy to him tomorrow.

25X1 28. [REDACTED] Chuck Snodgrass, House Defense Appro-
priations Subcommittee staff, called and said the Subcommittee would be
having a mark up session tomorrow on the intelligence community budget
and he would need all the transcripts of our budget briefings by 8:00
tomorrow morning. I told him I would see to it that they are there.
Snodgrass mentioned that since we sweep and monitor the room when the
Director briefs the Subcommittee on this material, we might want to
monitor when the Subcommittee is discussing this same material. I
agreed and told him we would have a monitor there during their entire
mark up session.

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29. [redacted] Called Ben Marshall, staff of the Senate Select Committee, and asked for copies of the Director's testimony before the Committee on 14 and 15 July 1975. Later in the day, Carol Week, of the Committee staff, called and said we could pick them up. [redacted] will take care of this.

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30. [redacted] The Director advised that a new covert action program has been approved by the White House and asked that we contact various committees of the Congress concerned to arrange for the necessary briefings.

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